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SUBJ: NEW GATE IN OLD CITY WALLS

1. PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 3 PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GATE IN THE OLD CITY'S WALLS BETWEEN ZION AND DUNG GATES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO LARGE UNDERGROUND PARKING FACILITY TO BE BUILT IN JEWISH QUARTER.

2. REPORT STATES PROPOSAL WILL SOON BE PRESENTED TO PLANNING AUTHORITIES BY CORPORATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH QUARTER. EARLIER PLANS FOR AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN DROPPED BECAUSE OF EXPENSE AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS AND FACT TUNNEL WOULD CROSS CHURCH PROPERTY. CARS ENTERING THROUGH THE NEW GATE

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WOULD EMERGE INTO A SQUARE AND THEN DESCEND INTO AN UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE FOR 600 VEHICLES.

3. COMMENT: PRESS REPORT CONFIRMS RECENT COMMENTS BY MAYOR KOLLEK TO CONGEN. PRESENT ACCESS TO JEWISH QUARTER THROUGH JAFFA GATE AND

ARMENIAN QUARTER IS THROUGH NARROW WINDING  
STREETS WITHOUT SIDEWALKS. ZION GATE UNSUITABLE  
FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. PRESUMABLY, NEW GATE  
WOULD BE BUILD TO WEST OF BURJ EL KABRIT  
(MIGDAL GOFRIT) POINT OF OLD CITY WALLS.  
ALTHOUGH DESIRABLE FROM MODERNIZATION STANDPOINT,  
ANY BREACH IN SULEYMAN THE MAGNIFICENT' 16TH  
CENTURY WALLS BY ISRAELIS CERTAIN TO CAUSE A STIR  
IN THE UN. END COMMENT.

4. MAYOR KOLLEK ALSO TOLD CONGEN MAJOR STRUCTURAL  
CHANGE WERE PLANNED FOR DUNG GATE TO ENLARGE  
AND BEAUTIFY IT.  
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